

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for May 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for May 2012				
	Domestic Exports	5,296		
	Re-exports	289,209		
	Total Exports	294,506		
	Imports	330,072		
	Trade balance	-35,566		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	May 2012	May 2011	Value	%
Domestic Exports	5,296	6,124	-827	-13.5
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	289,209	273,821	+15,389	+5.6
Total Exports	294,506	279,944	+14,561	+5.2
Imports	330,072	315,637	+14,435	+4.6
Trade balance	-35,566	-35,693	+126	
Current month compared with last month	May 2012	April 2012		
Domestic Exports	5,296	4,725	+571	+12.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(1.8%)		
Re-exports	289,209	261,527	+27,682	+10.6
Total Exports	294,506	266,253	+28,253	+10.6
Imports	330,072	309,126	+20,946	+6.8
Trade balance	-35,566	-42,873	+7,307	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Mar-May 2012	Mar-May 2011		
Domestic Exports	14,928	18,458	-3,530	-19.1
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.3%)		
Re-exports	807,594	794,278	+13,316	+1.7
Total Exports	822,522	812,736	+9,787	+1.2
Imports	944,821	930,923	+13,898	+1.5
Trade balance	-122,299	-118,188	-4,111	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-May 2012	Jan-May 2011		
Domestic Exports	22,980	29,165	-6,185	-21.2
(% of Total Exports)	(1.7%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	1,318,459	1,294,963	+23,495	+1.8
Total Exports	1,341,439	1,324,128	+17,311	+1.3
Imports	1,518,415	1,483,391	+35,024	+2.4
Trade balance	-176,976	-159,263	-17,713	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun 2011 to May 2012	Jun 2010 to May 2011		
Domestic Exports	59,477	71,917	-12,440	-17.3
(% of Total Exports)	(1.8%)	(2.2%)		
Re-exports	3,295,087	3,151,121	+143,966	+4.6
Total Exports	3,354,564	3,223,038	+131,526	+4.1
Imports	3,799,620	3,567,571	+232,049	+6.5
Trade balance	-445,056	-344,533	-100,523	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2009 to May 2012

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Domestic Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Re-exports	Year-on-year % Change	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
2009	1	4,195.6	-50.6	183,572.1	-20.7	187,767.8	-21.8	180,540.0	-27.1
	2	3,793.2	-39.6	138,144.5	-22.4	141,937.7	-23.0	165,148.2	-17.5
	3	4,414.9	-41.1	171,056.8	-20.5	175,471.8	-21.1	193,656.2	-22.7
	4	4,633.3	-40.2	194,409.7	-17.5	199,043.0	-18.2	215,397.7	-17.0
	5	5,085.3	-37.4	199,289.7	-13.7	204,374.9	-14.5	215,360.6	-19.2
	6	4,703.8	-38.7	206,432.0	-4.2	211,135.8	-5.4	227,620.2	-7.9
	7	5,138.6	-41.3	207,140.3	-19.2	212,278.9	-19.9	233,947.0	-17.8
	8	5,031.5	-37.3	208,269.5	-13.2	213,301.0	-13.9	235,149.9	-9.8
	9	5,108.1	-35.0	220,789.9	-7.8	225,898.1	-8.6	255,039.5	-3.1
	10	5,405.1	-32.9	235,350.0	-12.5	240,755.2	-13.1	259,944.9	-10.7
	11	5,520.7	-19.4	228,573.9	+1.9	234,094.6	+1.3	254,820.6	+6.5
	12	5,152.2	-7.0	219,669.8	+9.7	224,822.0	+9.2	258,266.9	+18.7
2010	1	5,618.7	+33.9	216,659.8	+18.0	222,278.5	+18.4	251,787.4	+39.5
	2	4,106.7	+8.3	178,348.4	+29.1	182,455.0	+28.5	202,105.2	+22.4
	3	5,712.3	+29.4	226,042.7	+32.1	231,755.0	+32.1	270,641.0	+39.8
	4	5,545.6	+19.7	236,685.6	+21.7	242,231.1	+21.7	277,465.7	+28.8
	5	5,978.2	+17.6	248,256.3	+24.6	254,234.5	+24.4	279,321.3	+29.7
	6	5,894.6	+25.3	261,666.2	+26.8	267,560.9	+26.7	298,161.2	+31.0
	7	5,980.2	+16.4	255,818.2	+23.5	261,798.3	+23.3	292,305.3	+24.9
	8	6,199.2	+23.2	283,922.2	+36.3	290,121.4	+36.0	302,039.6	+28.4
	9	5,980.2	+17.1	274,249.5	+24.2	280,229.8	+24.1	304,678.2	+19.5
	10	6,008.8	+11.2	268,159.7	+13.9	274,168.5	+13.9	296,436.0	+14.0
	11	6,355.3	+15.1	266,687.4	+16.7	273,042.7	+16.6	296,551.2	+16.4
	12	6,398.8	+24.2	246,604.3	+12.3	253,003.1	+12.5	296,545.9	+14.8
2011	1	6,127.5	+9.1	277,555.1	+28.1	283,682.7	+27.6	299,645.8	+19.0
	2	4,580.1	+11.5	223,261.5	+25.2	227,841.6	+24.9	252,955.7	+25.2
	3	6,377.3	+11.6	275,110.0	+21.7	281,487.4	+21.5	321,570.6	+18.8
	4	5,972.7	+7.7	246,069.7	+4.0	252,042.4	+4.1	294,479.6	+6.1
	5	6,123.5	+2.4	273,820.6	+10.3	279,944.2	+10.1	315,636.9	+13.0
	6	5,552.1	-5.8	286,664.3	+9.6	292,216.4	+9.2	332,477.7	+11.5
	7	5,110.8	-14.5	281,041.1	+9.9	286,151.9	+9.3	322,077.1	+10.2
	8	5,935.2	-4.3	303,952.8	+7.1	309,888.0	+6.8	344,663.7	+14.1
	9	4,867.7	-18.6	266,931.6	-2.7	271,799.4	-3.0	311,760.5	+2.3
	10	5,260.2	-12.5	300,425.0	+12.0	305,685.1	+11.5	328,823.5	+10.9
	11	5,146.7	-19.0	273,415.8	+2.5	278,562.5	+2.0	322,667.3	+8.8
	12	4,703.6	-26.5	267,079.4	+8.3	271,783.0	+7.4	320,693.1	+8.1
2012	1	3,691.9	-39.7	255,608.1	-7.9	259,300.0	-8.6	268,156.2	-10.5
	2	4,357.7	-4.9	255,392.2	+14.4	259,749.9	+14.0	305,535.6	+20.8
	3	4,911.8	-23.0	257,513.7	-6.4	262,425.5	-6.8	306,300.8	-4.7
	4	4,725.4	-20.9	261,527.4	+6.3	266,252.8	+5.6	309,125.9	+5.0
	5	5,296.1	-13.5	289,209.4	+5.6	294,505.5	+5.2	330,071.8	+4.6

Note : Value of domestic exports and value of re-exports may not add up to the value of total exports due to rounding.

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2009 to May 2012

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)			
		Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	Imports
2009	1	-22.9	-11.7	-12.0	-16.7
	2	-25.7	-15.5	-15.8	-18.5
	3	-23.7	-15.9	-16.1	-16.0
	4	-12.9	-9.8	-9.9	-5.9
	5	-5.2	+0.7	+0.5	+1.8
	6	-1.0	+7.8	+7.5	+8.4
	7	-2.1	+8.1	+7.8	+9.2
	8	-5.0	+1.5	+1.3	+7.2
	9	-2.7	-0.1	-0.2	+6.9
	10	+1.4	+3.5	+3.5	+8.2
	11	+8.1	+9.9	+9.9	+10.3
	12	+10.1	+11.0	+11.0	+7.4
2010	1	+12.1	+7.9	+8.0	+5.6
	2	+13.1	+5.5	+5.7	+4.9
	3	+13.7	+4.8	+5.0	+6.6
	4	+8.2	+6.5	+6.5	+7.4
	5	+3.0	+6.2	+6.2	+6.1
	6	-1.5	+6.4	+6.2	+5.3
	7	-1.7	+4.5	+4.4	+3.5
	8	-1.1	+4.7	+4.6	+4.2
	9	-0.7	+3.6	+3.5	+2.9
	10	-0.2	+3.1	+3.0	+2.4
	11	+1.5	+1.0	+1.0	+0.7
	12	+6.6	-0.3	-0.2	+0.5
2011	1	+10.2	+4.2	+4.4	+4.6
	2	+9.0	+7.6	+7.6	+7.0
	3	+4.3	+12.1	+11.9	+9.8
	4	+0.1	+3.1	+3.1	+2.7
	5	-2.5	-2.0	-2.0	+0.1
	6	-8.8	-7.3	-7.3	-3.3
	7	-14.8	-1.5	-1.8	+1.1
	8	-15.3	+1.1	+0.8	+2.8
	9	-13.0	+1.3	+1.0	+2.5
	10	-5.8	-0.8	-0.9	+0.6
	11	-6.6	-2.6	-2.7	-2.2
	12	-2.6	+1.9	+1.8	+0.3
2012	1	-9.0	+1.0	+0.8	-0.3
	2	-2.9	+7.3	+7.2	+4.1
	3	-1.3	+3.4	+3.3	+1.1
	4	+10.6	+3.7	+3.8	+1.7
	5	+5.4	-4.1	-4.0	-3.5

Note : Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For external merchandise trade figures, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available. The figures shown in Table 3 have already been revised.

Table 4 : Total Exports of Goods to Ten Main Destinations

Destination	May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	May 2012 over May 2011 (% change)	Jan - May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2012 over Jan - May 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	294,506	+5.2	1,341,439	+1.3
The mainland of China	160,079	+9.5	718,794	+1.9
United States of America	28,525	-0.8	128,162	+2.8
Japan	11,448	+18.2	55,975	+8.7
India	6,478	-15.4	32,955	-16.1
Taiwan	7,018	-6.8	31,535	-11.4
Germany	6,314	-20.0	29,781	-15.7
Korea	4,944	-7.0	24,435	-3.3
Singapore	5,078	+8.2	22,232	-2.8
Vietnam	4,254	+11.2	21,597	+30.9
United Kingdom	4,491	+1.1	21,340	+0.8

Table 5 : Imports of Goods From Ten Main Suppliers

Supplier	May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	May 2012 over May 2011 (% change)	Jan - May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2012 over Jan - May 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	330,072	+4.6	1,518,415	+2.4
The mainland of China	153,999	+11.0	688,896	+5.5
Japan	26,812	+9.4	124,789	+0.0
Singapore	21,720	+4.3	100,580	-4.1
Taiwan	21,656	+8.2	93,969	-4.1
United States of America	16,779	-12.0	82,248	-0.3
Korea	12,185	-8.1	56,846	-9.2
Malaysia	8,129	-3.4	35,501	-6.3
India	6,646	-8.3	35,285	-1.4
Switzerland	7,573	-15.6	33,901	+18.7
Thailand	6,416	-2.2	27,837	-14.5

Note : '0.0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.05%.

Table 6 : Total Exports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	May 2012 over May 2011 (% change)	Jan - May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2012 over Jan - May 2011 (% change)
Total Exports	294,506	+5.2	1,341,439	+1.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	77,455	+0.9	357,940	-3.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	51,878	+32.0	242,959	+16.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40,244	+26.2	173,659	+11.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	19,494	-7.4	88,665	-2.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,899	-12.1	62,122	-7.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,622	-7.6	55,897	-0.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,212	-4.5	43,093	+5.4
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,986	-7.9	34,384	-11.7
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	6,598	-13.1	28,158	+2.4
Plastics in primary forms	6,285	+3.4	27,716	-6.2

Table 7 : Imports of Ten Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	May 2012 over May 2011 (% change)	Jan - May 2012 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - May 2012 over Jan - May 2011 (% change)
Total Imports	330,072	+4.6	1,518,415	+2.4
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	85,843	-1.0	382,121	-8.3
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	47,230	+24.4	234,420	+22.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38,376	+36.1	160,683	+12.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	20,694	-13.7	104,682	+3.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,444	-5.5	70,546	+1.8
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	9,858	+0.4	51,576	+6.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	10,159	+7.1	47,108	+14.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	9,801	-5.9	45,116	-6.6
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	7,743	-5.6	33,551	-12.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,217	+15.7	31,623	+10.2